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New Military Wall of Honor on Display in Lower Level of Dover Campus Center

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C. – In honor of Veterans Day, Gardner-Webb University officials joined members of the campus community on Tuesday, Nov. 10 to dedicate Gardner-Webb’s new military wall of honor, “Freedom Hall.” Around 50 people attended the ceremony, which was held in the Dover Campus Center at GWU.

Freedom Hall honors the military contributions of the extended university family, including faculty, staff, current students, alumni and members of their immediate family. The University’s strong support of military service personnel has been evidenced in the past year by multiple honors that recognize the institution’s exceptional educational services for troops and their families.

“Freedom Hall further affirms GWU’s commitment to providing post-military education while also spotlighting the University’s role in connecting veterans with career opportunities,” said David Hawsey, a U.S. Navy veteran and the University’s vice president for enrollment management and marketing.

Within the past year, Gardner-Webb has consistently been recognized for its support of the nation’s troops. Among those honors, the University was recently named a military-friendly institution by Military Advanced Education, an organization that promotes higher education opportunities for military personnel and their families, and by G.I. Jobs/Victory Media, which advocates for educational and career opportunities for veterans and active-duty service members. The military-friendly rating is annually determined through voluntary surveys that measure the campus military support, graduation and employment outcomes, military spouse policies and other criteria of various colleges, universities, community colleges and trade schools across the country. U.S. News & World Report also ranked GWU best in the Carolinas among schools that offer online graduate business degrees to meet the needs of veterans.

According to Hawsey, GWU currently serves more than 100 military veterans, active-duty personnel and dependent family members in undergraduate and graduate degree programs. “Freedom Hall confirms our commitment to our active-duty personnel, veterans and their families,” Hawsey offered. “We are grateful for the many veterans in our region, the state of North Carolina and nationwide for their service and sacrifices that ensure our freedom.”

Located in Boiling Springs, N.C., Gardner-Webb University’s purpose is to advance the Kingdom of God through Christian higher education by preparing graduates for professional and personal success, instilling in them a deep commitment to service and leadership, and equipping them for well-rounded lives of lasting impact, Pro Deo et Humanitate (For God and Humanity).



